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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
JOHN RYAN,  
Defendant.

NO. CR24-213-JNW

## **PLEA AGREEMENT**

JOHN RYAN,  
Defendant.

The United States, through United States Attorney Tessa M. Gorman and

Assistant United States Attorney Amanda McDowell of the Western District of Washington, and John Ryan and his attorney Todd Maybrown enter into the following Plea Agreement, pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11(c)(1)(B).

1.     **Waiver of Indictment.** Defendant, having been advised of the right to be charged by Indictment, agrees to waive that right and enter a plea of guilty to the charge brought by the United States Attorney in an Information.

1       2. **The Charge.** Defendant, having been advised of the right to have this  
 2 matter tried before a jury, agrees to waive that right and enters a plea of guilty to the  
 3 following charge contained in the Information.

4           a. Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud, as charged in Count 1, in  
 5 violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1349.

6       By entering this plea of guilty, Defendant hereby waives all objections to the form  
 7 of the charging document. Defendant further understands that before entering any guilty  
 8 plea, Defendant will be placed under oath. Any statement given by Defendant under oath  
 9 may be used by the United States in a prosecution for perjury or false statement.

10      3. **Elements of the Offense.** The elements of the offense to which Defendant  
 11 is pleading guilty are as follows:

12           a. The elements of Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud, as charged in  
 13 Count 1, are as follows:

14           *First*, two or more persons agreed to commit the crime of wire fraud, as set  
 15 forth below;

16           *Second*, the defendant knew of the unlawful purpose of the agreement; and  
 17           *Third*, the defendant knowingly joined into the agreement with the specific  
 18 intent to defraud.

19           b. The elements of Wire Fraud (the object of the conspiracy) are as  
 20 follows:

21           *First*, the defendant knowingly participated in, devised, or intended to  
 22 devise a scheme or plan to defraud for the purpose of obtaining money or  
 23 property by means of false or fraudulent pretenses, representations or  
 24 promises, or omitted facts;

25           *Second*, the statements made or facts omitted were material; that is, they  
 26 had a natural tendency to influence a person to part with money or  
 27 property;

1           *Third*, the defendant acted with the intent to defraud, that is, the intent to  
 2           deceive and cheat; and

3           *Fourth*, the defendant used, or caused to be used, an interstate wire  
 4           communication to carry out or attempt to carry out an essential part of the  
 5           scheme.

6           **4. The Penalties.** Defendant understands that the statutory penalties  
 7 applicable to the offense to which Defendant is pleading guilty are as follows:

8           a.       For the offense of Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud, as charged in  
 9           Count 1: A maximum term of imprisonment of up to 20 years, a fine of up to  
 10          \$250,000, a period of supervision following release from prison of up to three  
 11          years, and a mandatory special assessment of \$100 dollars. If a probationary  
 12          sentence is imposed, the probation period can be for up to five years.

13          Defendant understands that supervised release is a period of time following  
 14          imprisonment during which Defendant will be subject to certain restrictive conditions and  
 15          requirements. Defendant further understands that, if supervised release is imposed and  
 16          Defendant violates one or more of the conditions or requirements, Defendant could be  
 17          returned to prison for all or part of the term of supervised release that was originally  
 18          imposed. This could result in Defendant serving a total term of imprisonment greater than  
 19          the statutory maximum stated above.

20          Defendant understands that as a part of any sentence, in addition to any term of  
 21          imprisonment and/or fine that is imposed, the Court may order Defendant to pay  
 22          restitution to any victim of the offense, as required by law.

23          Defendant further understands that the consequences of pleading guilty may  
 24          include the forfeiture of certain property, either as a part of the sentence imposed by the  
 25          Court, or as a result of civil judicial or administrative process.

26          Defendant agrees that any monetary penalty the Court imposes, including the  
 27          special assessment, fine, costs, or restitution, is due and payable immediately and further

1 agrees to submit a completed Financial Disclosure Statement as requested by the United  
 2 States Attorney's Office.

3       Defendant understands that, if pleading guilty to a felony drug offense, Defendant  
 4 will become ineligible for certain food stamp and Social Security benefits as directed by  
 5 Title 21, United States Code, Section 862a.

6       **5. Immigration Consequences.** Defendant recognizes that pleading guilty  
 7 may have consequences with respect to Defendant's immigration status if Defendant is  
 8 not a citizen of the United States. Under federal law, a broad range of crimes are grounds  
 9 for removal, and some offenses make removal from the United States presumptively  
 10 mandatory. Removal and other immigration consequences are the subject of a separate  
 11 proceeding, and Defendant understands that no one, including Defendant's attorney and  
 12 the Court, can predict with certainty the effect of a guilty plea on immigration status.  
 13 Defendant nevertheless affirms that Defendant wants to plead guilty regardless of any  
 14 immigration consequences that Defendant's guilty plea may entail, even if the  
 15 consequence is Defendant's mandatory removal from the United States.

16       **6. Rights Waived by Pleading Guilty.** Defendant understands that by  
 17 pleading guilty, Defendant knowingly and voluntarily waives the following rights:

18           a.      The right to plead not guilty and to persist in a plea of not guilty;  
 19           b.      The right to a speedy and public trial before a jury of Defendant's  
 20 peers;

21           c.      The right to the effective assistance of counsel at trial, including, if  
 22 Defendant could not afford an attorney, the right to have the Court appoint one for  
 23 Defendant;

24           d.      The right to be presumed innocent until guilt has been established  
 25 beyond a reasonable doubt at trial;

26           e.      The right to confront and cross-examine witnesses against Defendant  
 27 at trial;

1                   f.     The right to compel or subpoena witnesses to appear on Defendant's  
 2 behalf at trial;

3                   g.     The right to testify or to remain silent at trial, at which trial such  
 4 silence could not be used against Defendant; and

5                   h.     The right to appeal a finding of guilt or any pretrial rulings.

6       7.     **United States Sentencing Guidelines.** Defendant understands and  
 7 acknowledges that the Court must consider the sentencing range calculated under the  
 8 United States Sentencing Guidelines and possible departures under the Sentencing  
 9 Guidelines together with the other factors set forth in Title 18, United States Code,  
 10 Section 3553(a), including: (1) the nature and circumstances of the offense; (2) the  
 11 history and characteristics of Defendant; (3) the need for the sentence to reflect the  
 12 seriousness of the offense, to promote respect for the law, and to provide just punishment  
 13 for the offense; (4) the need for the sentence to afford adequate deterrence to criminal  
 14 conduct; (5) the need for the sentence to protect the public from further crimes of  
 15 Defendant; (6) the need to provide Defendant with educational and vocational training,  
 16 medical care, or other correctional treatment in the most effective manner; (7) the kinds  
 17 of sentences available; (8) the need to provide restitution to victims; and (9) the need to  
 18 avoid unwarranted sentence disparity among defendants involved in similar conduct who  
 19 have similar records. Accordingly, Defendant understands and acknowledges that:

20                  a.     The Court will determine Defendant's Sentencing Guidelines range  
 21 at the time of sentencing;

22                  b.     After consideration of the Sentencing Guidelines and the factors in  
 23 18 U.S.C. 3553(a), the Court may impose any sentence authorized by law, up to the  
 24 maximum term authorized by law;

25                  c.     The Court is not bound by any recommendation regarding the  
 26 sentence to be imposed, or by any calculation or estimation of the Sentencing Guidelines

1 range offered by the parties or the United States Probation Department, or by any  
 2 stipulations or agreements between the parties in this Plea Agreement; and

3                  d.        Defendant may not withdraw a guilty plea solely because of the  
 4 sentence imposed by the Court.

5                  8.        **Ultimate Sentence.** Defendant acknowledges that no one has promised or  
 6 guaranteed what sentence the Court will impose.

7                  9.        **Statement of Facts.** Defendant admits Defendant is guilty of the charged  
 8 offense. The parties agree on the following facts:

9                  a.        **Background:** Amanda McAfee-Ryan is the former office manager  
 10 of a dental practice (the “Victim Company”) owned by Dr. KL. The Victim Company  
 11 has dental office locations in Shoreline, Washington and Lynnwood, Washington.

12                b.        McAfee-Ryan began working at the Victim Company as a  
 13 receptionist in 2005 and later transitioned to office manager in 2007. She is a resident of  
 14 Lynnwood, Washington.

15                c.        As office manager for the Victim Company, McAfee-Ryan was  
 16 responsible for initiating the payroll process for employees through Paychex, the third-  
 17 party vendor used by the Victim Company to handle payroll and 401(k) benefits for  
 18 employees. McAfee-Ryan was also the administrator for the Victim Company’s  
 19 insurance plan through United Healthcare and ensured that the Victim Company’s  
 20 employees received appropriate medical benefits.

21                d.        McAfee-Ryan paid the Victim Company’s bills, including those  
 22 related to any office expenses.

23                e.        John Ryan is Amanda McAfee-Ryan’s boyfriend and worked as a  
 24 temporary dental hygienist for the Victim Company between 2014 through 2015. He is a  
 25 resident of Woodinville, Washington.

1                   f.     Ryan ceased working for the Victim Company no later than January  
 2 2016. McAfee-Ryan continued to work for the Victim Company until at least October  
 3 2023.

4                   g.     ***The Conspiracy:*** Between 2016 and 2023, McAfee-Ryan and Ryan  
 5 agreed to commit the offense of wire fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343. McAfee-  
 6 Ryan and Ryan devised a scheme to obtain the Victim Company's money, by means of  
 7 materially false and fraudulent representations and omissions about the Victim  
 8 Company's payroll and the state of its finances. McAfee-Ryan and Ryan agreed that, to  
 9 execute the scheme to defraud, they would transmit and cause to be transmitted wire  
 10 communications in interstate commerce. McAfee-Ryan and Ryan knowingly joined into  
 11 the agreement with the specific intent to defraud the Victim Company.

12                  h.     McAfee-Ryan and Ryan agreed to embezzle, and did embezzle, over  
 13 \$890,000.00 of the Victim Company's funds for their own personal benefit between 2016  
 14 and 2023.

15                  i.     At all times relevant to the offense, McAfee-Ryan and Ryan acted  
 16 with the intent to defraud.

17                  j.     ***Wages and Benefits to John Ryan:*** Between 2016 and 2023,  
 18 McAfee-Ryan and Ryan agreed to steal the Victim Company's funds by diverting salary  
 19 payments and employee benefits to Ryan when he was no longer working for the Victim  
 20 Company.

21                  k.     In her role as office manager, McAfee-Ryan submitted false payroll  
 22 entries for Ryan to Paychex, which contained misrepresentations regarding the number of  
 23 hours worked by Ryan and falsely claimed he was a full-time employee.

24                  l.     These fraudulent payroll entries induced the Victim Company to use  
 25 its funds to pay Ryan gross wages that he never earned.

26                  m.    Ryan provided his personal bank account and identity, both of which  
 27 were necessary to receive the direct deposits for the fraudulently-obtained salary

1 payments. Ryan accepted the payments while knowing he was no longer working for the  
 2 Victim Company.

3           n.       In all, between 2016 and 2023, McAfee-Ryan and Ryan worked  
 4 together to steal at least \$780,150.80 of the Victim Company's funds by misrepresenting  
 5 that Ryan was a full-time employee and causing wages to be deposited into Ryan's bank  
 6 account.

7           o.       The fraudulent payroll entries submitted by McAfee-Ryan for  
 8 Ryan's fake employment also caused Paychex to automatically remit to the IRS the  
 9 required FICA employer tax for Ryan's payroll.

10          p.       In all, between 2016 and 2023, McAfee-Ryan and Ryan caused  
 11 \$59,681.50 of the Victim Company's funds to be used to pay the FICA employer tax for  
 12 the wages paid to Ryan while he was no longer an employee at the Victim Company.

13          q.       In her role as office manager, McAfee-Ryan was also the  
 14 administrator of the Victim Company's health insurance plan through United Healthcare.  
 15 By misrepresenting that Ryan was an employee of the Victim Company, McAfee-Ryan  
 16 and Ryan directed medical and vision benefits to Ryan, which were paid for by the  
 17 Victim Company.

18          r.       Ryan provided his identity as a fake employee to receive these  
 19 healthcare benefits.

20          s.       In all, between 2016 and 2023, McAfee-Ryan and Ryan stole at least  
 21 \$43,040.13 of the Victim Company's funds to provide Ryan with healthcare benefits he  
 22 was not entitled to.

23          t.       Between 2020 and 2023, McAfee-Ryan and Ryan also diverted at  
 24 least \$8,225.28 of the Victim Company's funds towards Ryan's 401(k) through the  
 25 Victim Company's 401(k) matching program. By misrepresenting that Ryan was a full-  
 26 time employee, McAfee-Ryan and Ryan caused the Victim Company to pay these funds  
 27 into Ryan's 401(k).

1                   u.     In 2023, McAfee-Ryan and Ryan agreed that Ryan would cash out  
 2 his 401(k). In particular, Ryan informed McAfee-Ryan that he wanted the funds from his  
 3 401(k) so that he could be “debt free,” pay off a personal loan, and put as much money  
 4 into his investments, including cryptocurrency investments, as possible.

5                   v.     All of these payments and benefits were provided to Ryan using the  
 6 Victim Company’s funds and were provided to Ryan when he was no longer working for  
 7 the Victim Company.

8                   w.     McAfee-Ryan and Ryan used the funds and benefits they stole to  
 9 fund their lifestyle together.

10                  x.     In furtherance of their scheme, McAfee-Ryan and Ryan agreed that  
 11 McAfee-Ryan would use her trusted position as Dr. KL’s longtime office manager to  
 12 gain Dr. KL’s trust and ensure their scheme remained undetected.

13                  y.     McAfee-Ryan and Ryan discussed the fact that McAfee-Ryan would  
 14 refuse to account for Ryan’s salary when she worked with the Victim Company’s  
 15 accountant on taxes.

16                  z.     McAfee-Ryan and Ryan also agreed that McAfee-Ryan would  
 17 “explain away some things” when questioned about the Victim Company’s finances.

18                  aa.    To avoid detection, McAfee-Ryan lied to Dr. KL about the state of  
 19 the Victim Company’s finances, including by making misrepresentations that the Victim  
 20 Company had no money.

21                  bb.    McAfee-Ryan also intentionally failed to disclose Ryan was getting  
 22 paid as employee when she listed off the names of employees to Dr. KL.

23                  cc.    These misrepresentations, and others, induced the Victim Company  
 24 to continue paying McAfee-Ryan and Ryan funds they were not entitled to and allowed  
 25 the scheme to remain undetected for many years.

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1                   dd. ***Loss Amount:*** The parties agree that, between 2016 and 2023,  
 2 McAfee-Ryan and Ryan caused Victim Company to pay a total of \$891,097.71 as a result  
 3 of their fraudulent scheme.

4                   ee. ***Use of Interstate Wires:*** The conspiracy involved the use of  
 5 interstate wire communications to accomplish the fraud.

6                   ff. Between 2016 and 2023, McAfee-Ryan and Ryan agreed to use  
 7 interstate wires originating in Washington State to Paychex's servers in New York in  
 8 order to initiate Ryan's payroll entries.

9                  The parties agree that the Court may consider additional facts contained in the  
 10 Presentence Report (subject to standard objections by the parties) and/or that may be  
 11 presented by the United States or Defendant at the time of sentencing, and that the factual  
 12 statement contained herein is not intended to limit the facts that the parties may present to  
 13 the Court at the time of sentencing.

14                10. **Sentencing Factors.** The parties agree that the following Sentencing  
 15 Guidelines provisions apply to this case:

- 16                a. A base offense level of 7, pursuant to USSG § 2B1.1(a)(1);
- 17                b. An increase of 14 points because the fraud loss from the offense  
 18 exceeded \$550,000 but was less than \$1,500,000, pursuant to USSG § 2B1.1(b)(1)(I).

19                  The parties agree they are free to present arguments regarding the applicability of  
 20 all other provisions of the United States Sentencing Guidelines. Defendant understands,  
 21 however, that at the time of sentencing, the Court is free to reject these stipulated  
 22 adjustments, and is further free to apply additional downward or upward adjustments in  
 23 determining Defendant's Sentencing Guidelines range.

24                11. **Acceptance of Responsibility.** At sentencing, if the Court concludes  
 25 Defendant qualifies for a downward adjustment for acceptance of responsibility pursuant  
 26 to USSG § 3E1.1(a) and Defendant's offense level is 16 or greater, the United States will  
 27 make the motion necessary to permit the Court to decrease the total offense level by three

1 levels pursuant to USSG §§ 3E1.1(a) and (b), because Defendant has assisted the United  
 2 States by timely notifying the United States of Defendant's intention to plead guilty,  
 3 thereby permitting the United States to avoid preparing for trial and permitting the Court  
 4 to allocate its resources efficiently.

5       **12. Zero-Point Offender Eligibility.** Defendant may be eligible for a  
 6 sentencing adjustment pursuant to the Zero-Point Offender provisions at USSG  
 7 § 4C1.1(a)(1)-(10). If, at the time of sentencing, the United States is satisfied Defendant  
 8 has met each of the ten requirements, the United States will recommend a two-level  
 9 reduction to Defendant's sentencing calculation pursuant to USSG § 4C1.1(a).  
 10 Defendant understands, however, that the Court will ultimately decide whether Defendant  
 11 qualifies as a Zero-Point Offender.

12       **13. Agreed Recommendation Regarding Imprisonment.** Pursuant to Federal  
 13 Rule of Criminal Procedure 11(c)(1)(B), the parties jointly agree to recommend that the  
 14 appropriate sentence to be imposed by the Court at the time of sentencing is a term of  
 15 probation of four years. Defendant understands that this recommendation is not binding  
 16 on the Court and the Court may reject the recommendation of the parties and may impose  
 17 any term of imprisonment up to the statutory maximum penalty authorized by law.  
 18 Defendant further understands that Defendant cannot withdraw a guilty plea simply  
 19 because of the sentence imposed by the Court. Except as otherwise provided in this Plea  
 20 Agreement, the parties are free to present arguments regarding any other aspect of  
 21 sentencing.

22       **14. Restitution.** Defendant shall make restitution to the Victim Company in the  
 23 amount of its economic loss as determined by the Court at the time of sentencing, which  
 24 is at least \$891,097.71, with credit for any amounts already paid by Defendant or other  
 25 entities. Defendant agrees to preserve the balance of his 401(k) account associated with  
 26 Dr. KL's practice (Plan #278622) by taking no further withdrawals and apply it towards  
 27 the restitution owed no later than 30 days after sentencing.

1                   a.     The full amount of restitution shall be due and payable immediately  
2 on entry of judgment and shall be paid as quickly as possible. If the Court finds that the  
3 defendant is unable to make immediate restitution in full and sets a payment schedule as  
4 contemplated in 18 U.S.C. § 3664(f), Defendant agrees that the Court's schedule  
5 represents a minimum payment obligation and does not preclude the U.S. Attorney's  
6 Office from pursuing any other means by which to satisfy Defendant's full and  
7 immediately-enforceable financial obligation, including, but not limited to, by pursuing  
8 assets that come to light only after the district court finds that Defendant is unable to  
9 make immediate restitution.

10                  b.     Defendant agrees to disclose all assets in which Defendant has any  
11 interest or over which Defendant exercises control, directly or indirectly, including those  
12 held by a spouse, nominee, or third party. Defendant agrees to cooperate fully with the  
13 United States' investigation identifying all property in which Defendant has an interest  
14 and with the United States' lawful efforts to enforce prompt payment of the financial  
15 obligations to be imposed in connection with this prosecution. Defendant's cooperation  
16 obligations are: (1) before sentencing, and no more than 30 days after executing this Plea  
17 Agreement, truthfully and completely executing a Financial Disclosure Statement  
18 provided by the United States Attorney's Office and signed under penalty of perjury  
19 regarding Defendant's and Defendant's spouse's financial circumstances and producing  
20 supporting documentation, including tax returns, as requested; (2) providing updates with  
21 any material changes in circumstances, as described in 18 U.S.C. § 3664(k), within seven  
22 days of the event giving rise to the changed circumstances; (3) authorizing the United  
23 States Attorney's Office to obtain Defendant's credit report before sentencing; (4)  
24 providing waivers, consents or releases requested by the U.S. Attorney's Office to access  
25 records to verify the financial information; (5) authorizing the U.S. Attorney's Office to  
26 inspect and copy all financial documents and information held by the U.S. Probation  
27 Office; (6) submitting to an interview regarding Defendant's Financial Statement and

1 supporting documents before sentencing (if requested by the United States Attorney's  
 2 Office), and fully and truthfully answering questions during such interview; and (7)  
 3 notifying the United States Attorney's Office before transferring any interest in property  
 4 owned directly or indirectly by Defendant, including any interest held or owned in any  
 5 other name, including all forms of business entities and trusts.

6           c.       The parties acknowledge that voluntary payment of restitution prior  
 7 to the adjudication of guilt is a factor the Court considers in determining whether  
 8 Defendant qualifies for acceptance of responsibility pursuant to USSG § 3E1.1(a).

9           15.   **Forfeiture of Assets.** Defendant understands the forfeiture of property is  
 10 part of the sentence that must be imposed in this case. Defendant agrees to forfeit to the  
 11 United States immediately Defendant's right, title, and interest in any and all property,  
 12 real or personal, which constitutes, or is derived from, proceeds traceable to the offense  
 13 of *Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud*, as charged in Count 1. All such property is  
 14 forfeitable pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C), by way of 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), and  
 15 includes, but is not limited to, a judgment for a sum of money (also known as a forfeiture  
 16 money judgment) in the amount of at least \$441,340.81, representing the proceeds that  
 17 Defendant received from his commission of *Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud*. This  
 18 sum of money is based upon half of the wages that Defendant and codefendant Amanda  
 19 McAfee-Ryan fraudulently obtained from the Victim Company, and which Defendant  
 20 and codefendant used to fund their lifestyle together, plus the above-described health care  
 21 benefits and the 401(k) contributions that Defendant received from their scheme.

22           Defendant understands and acknowledges that any property forfeited will be  
 23 separate and distinct from any restitution that is ordered in this case. Defendant further  
 24 understands and acknowledges to request restoration, the United States Attorney's Office  
 25 (the "USAO") must send a request to the Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section  
 26 ("MLARS") of the Department of Justice, that includes the representations outlined in the  
 27 Asset Forfeiture Policy Manual (2023), Chapter 14, Sec. II.B. and 28 C.F.R. Part 9.8,

1 which are summarized as follows: (i) all known victims have been properly notified of  
2 the restitution proceedings and are properly accounted for in the restitution order; (ii) to  
3 the best of the USAO's knowledge and belief after consultation with the seizing agency,  
4 the losses described in the restitution order have been verified, comport with the  
5 remission requirements, and reflect all sources of compensation received by the victims,  
6 including returns on investments, interest payments, insurance proceeds, refunds,  
7 settlement payments, lawsuit awards, and any other sources of compensation for their  
8 losses; (iii) to the best of the USAO's knowledge and belief after consultation with the  
9 seizing agency, reasonable efforts to locate additional assets establish that the victims do  
10 not have recourse reasonably available to obtain compensation for their losses from other  
11 assets, including those owned or controlled by the defendant(s); and (iv) there is no  
12 evidence to suggest that any of the victims knowingly contributed to, participated in,  
13 benefitted from, or acted in a willfully blind manner, toward the commission of the  
14 offenses underlying the forfeiture or a related offense. The USAO agrees that if it can  
15 make these required representations, then the USAO will submit a restoration request to  
16 MLARS, seeking approval for any assets forfeited to be restored to the victims in this  
17 case, which may, in turn, satisfy in full or part any restitution order. Defendant further  
18 understands and acknowledges that the Attorney General, or his/her designee, has the  
19 sole discretion to approve or deny the restoration request. The United States also agrees  
20 that the amount Defendant pays toward restitution will be credited against this forfeited  
21 sum.

22 Defendant agrees to fully assist the United States in the forfeiture of the above-  
23 described property and to take whatever steps are necessary to pass clear title to the  
24 United States, including but not limited to: surrendering title and executing any  
25 documents necessary to effect forfeiture; assisting in bringing any property located  
26 outside the United States within the jurisdiction of the United States; and taking whatever  
27 steps are necessary to ensure that property subject to forfeiture is not sold, disbursed,

1 wasted, hidden, or otherwise made unavailable for forfeiture. Defendant agrees not to file  
 2 a claim to any such property in any federal forfeiture proceeding, administrative or  
 3 judicial, which may be or has been initiated. Defendant also agrees he will not assist any  
 4 party who may file a claim to this property in any federal forfeiture proceeding.

5       The United States reserves its right to proceed against any remaining property not  
 6 identified in this Plea Agreement, including any property in which Defendant has any  
 7 interest or control, if that property constitutes proceeds, or was derived from proceeds, of  
 8 the *Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud* charged in Count 1.

9       **16. Abandonment of Contraband.** Defendant also agrees that, if any federal  
 10 law enforcement agency seized any illegal contraband that was in Defendant's direct or  
 11 indirect control, Defendant consents to the federal administrative disposition, official use,  
 12 and/or destruction of that contraband.

13       **17. Non-Prosecution of Additional Offenses.** As part of this Plea Agreement,  
 14 the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Washington agrees not to  
 15 prosecute Defendant for any additional offenses known to it as of the time of this Plea  
 16 Agreement based upon evidence in its possession at this time, and that arise out of the  
 17 conduct giving rise to this investigation. In this regard, Defendant recognizes the United  
 18 States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Washington has agreed not to  
 19 prosecute all of the criminal charges the evidence establishes were committed by  
 20 Defendant solely because of the promises made by Defendant in this Plea Agreement.  
 21 Defendant agrees, however, that for purposes of preparing the Presentence Report, the  
 22 United States Attorney's Office will provide the United States Probation Office with  
 23 evidence of all conduct committed by Defendant.

24       Defendant agrees that any charges to be dismissed before or at the time of  
 25 sentencing were substantially justified in light of the evidence available to the United  
 26 States, were not vexatious, frivolous or taken in bad faith, and do not provide Defendant  
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1 with a basis for any future claims under the "Hyde Amendment," Pub. L. No. 105-119  
 2 (1997).

3       **18. Breach, Waiver, and Post-Plea Conduct.** Defendant agrees that, if  
 4 Defendant breaches this Plea Agreement: (a) the United States may withdraw from this  
 5 Plea Agreement and Defendant may be prosecuted for all offenses for which the United  
 6 States has evidence; (b) Defendant will not oppose any steps taken by the United States  
 7 to nullify this Plea Agreement, including the filing of a motion to withdraw from the Plea  
 8 Agreement; and/or (c) Defendant waives any objection to the re-institution of any charges  
 9 that previously were dismissed or any additional charges that had not been prosecuted.

10       Defendant further understands that if, after the date of this Plea Agreement,  
 11 Defendant should engage in illegal conduct, or conduct that violates any conditions of  
 12 release or the conditions of confinement (examples of which include, but are not limited  
 13 to, obstruction of justice, failure to appear for a court proceeding, criminal conduct while  
 14 pending sentencing, and false statements to law enforcement agents, the Pretrial Services  
 15 Officer, Probation Officer, or Court), the United States is free under this Plea Agreement  
 16 to file additional charges against Defendant and/or to seek a sentence that takes such  
 17 conduct into consideration by requesting the Court to apply additional adjustments or  
 18 enhancements in its Sentencing Guidelines calculations in order to increase the applicable  
 19 advisory Guidelines range, and/or by seeking an upward departure or variance from the  
 20 calculated advisory Guidelines range. Under these circumstances, the United States is  
 21 free to seek such adjustments, enhancements, departures, and/or variances even if  
 22 otherwise precluded by the terms of the Plea Agreement.

23       **19. Waiver of Appellate Rights and Rights to Collateral Attacks.** Defendant  
 24 acknowledges that, by entering the guilty plea required by this Plea Agreement,  
 25 Defendant waives all rights to appeal from Defendant's conviction, and any pretrial  
 26 rulings of the Court, and any rulings of the Court made prior to entry of the judgment of  
 27 conviction. This includes, without limitation, any constitutional challenge to the

1 Defendant's conviction. Defendant further agrees that, provided the Court imposes a  
2 custodial sentence that is within or below the Sentencing Guidelines range (or the  
3 statutory mandatory minimum, if greater than the Guidelines range) as determined by the  
4 Court at the time of sentencing, Defendant waives to the full extent of the law any right  
5 conferred by Title 18, United States Code, Section 3742, to challenge, on direct appeal,  
6 the sentence imposed by the Court, including any fine, restitution order, probation or  
7 supervised release conditions, or forfeiture order (if applicable). This includes, without  
8 limitation, any challenge to any aspect of the sentence and sentencing proceeding,  
9 including any statutory or constitutional challenge to how the sentence was imposed.

10       Defendant also agrees that, by entering the guilty plea required by this Plea  
11 Agreement, Defendant waives any right to bring a collateral attack against the conviction  
12 and sentence, including any restitution order imposed, except as it may relate to the  
13 effectiveness of legal representation or a claim of prosecutorial misconduct based on facts  
14 unknown or not reasonably discoverable prior to entry of the judgment of conviction.

15       Defendant acknowledges that certain claims, including certain claims for  
16 prosecutorial misconduct, will be barred by operation of law by virtue of their guilty plea,  
17 independently from this Plea Agreement. This waiver does not preclude Defendant from  
18 bringing an appropriate motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241, to address the conditions of  
19 Defendant's confinement or the decisions of the Bureau of Prisons regarding the  
20 execution of Defendant's sentence.

21       If Defendant breaches this Plea Agreement at any time by appealing or collaterally  
22 attacking (except as to claims not subject to the waiver, above) the conviction or sentence  
23 in any way, the United States may prosecute Defendant for any counts, including those  
24 with mandatory minimum sentences, that were dismissed or not charged pursuant to this  
25 Plea Agreement.

26       **20. Voluntariness of Plea.** Defendant agrees that Defendant has entered into  
27 this Plea Agreement freely and voluntarily, and that no threats or promises were made to

1 induce Defendant to enter a plea of guilty other than the promises contained in this Plea  
2 Agreement or set forth on the record at the change of plea hearing in this matter.

3       **21. Statute of Limitations.** In the event this Plea Agreement is not accepted by  
4 the Court for any reason, or Defendant breaches any of the terms of this Plea Agreement,  
5 or Defendant withdraws from this Plea Agreement after it has been accepted by the  
6 Court, the statute of limitations shall be deemed to have been tolled from the date of the  
7 Plea Agreement to: (1) thirty days following the date of non-acceptance of the Plea  
8 Agreement by the Court; or (2) thirty days following the date on which a breach of the  
9 Plea Agreement by Defendant is discovered by the United States Attorney's Office; or  
10 (3) thirty days following the grant of a motion to withdraw from the Plea Agreement.

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22. **Completeness of Plea Agreement.** The United States and Defendant acknowledge that these terms constitute the entire Plea Agreement between the parties, except as may be set forth on the record at the change of plea hearing in this matter. This Plea Agreement binds only the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Washington. It does not bind any other United States Attorney's Office or any other office or agency of the United States, or any state or local prosecutor.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.

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